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THE **CULLING**

PART 3 OF 4

LEGION

LOST

THE NEW 52!



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REVEALED!

THE SECRET BEHIND HARVEST!

LEGION LOST AND THE

TEEN TITANS

BARELY TEN SECONDS HAVE PASSED SINCE THEY STOOD TRIUMPHANT.

TEN SECONDS SINCE THEY DARED BELIEVE THEY MIGHT SURVIVE THE COLLING--

--A BATTLE TO THE DEATH Pitting METAHUMANS, VICTIMS OF THE HYPERTOXIS VIRUS AND NORMAL TEENAGERS AGAINST ONE ANOTHER.

TEN SECONDS SINCE HOPE FLICKERED IN THEIR HEARTS AND THEY IMAGINED ESCAPING THE ANTARCTIC COMPLEX OF NOWHERE.

TEN SECONDS BEFORE THE AIR SIZZLED AND THE GROUND ERUPTED--

KWAKWOOM



THROOL



DAWNSTAR



WILDFIRE



GATES



TIMBER WOLF



CHAMELEON GIRL



TELLUS



CATLIN FAIRCHILD



THUNDER

LIGHTNING

RIDGE

RED ROBIN

WONDER GIRL

KID FLASH

BUNKER

SUPERBOY

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THE CULLING

PART 3: UNBEATABLE

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YOU HAVE
FOUGHT WELL AND
SACRIFICED MUCH,
CHILDREN.

SUCH
A PITY THAT
MOST OF YOU
MUST NOW
DIE.

I
ANTICIPATED
YOUR MOMENTARY
VICTORY OVER
MY LOYAL
MINIONS...

—AND
ORDERED THEM
OUT OF THE CRUCIBLE
SO THAT WE COULD
GET BETTER
ACQUAINTED.

I NEED NEW
RAVAGERS FOR
THE GREAT BATTLE
THAT IS YET
TO COME...

—BUT ONLY
THE BRAVEST
AND STRONGEST
MAY SERVE
ME.

IT'S
HARVEST!

HE'S
THE ONE BEHIND
NO WHERE. AND
THE CULLING!

SHIT!
WE MUST
ASSESS HIS
FULL POWER
BEFORE
ENGAGING HIM.

LISTEN
TO HER,
WONDER GIRL!
WE NEED A
PLAN.





RED ROBIN, WE CAN DISCUSS ONE SURREPTITIOUSLY AS SOON AS TELLUS--

ESTABLISHES...
A TELEPATHIC
LINK?
ALREADY
ACCOMPLISHED.



HARVEST
SEEMS TO BE
SHELTERED WITHIN
A PROTECTIVE
FORCE-SHIELD.



HAVE NO
FEAR!
BUNKER'S
HERE

I LIKE
THIS
GROUP
THINK
THING.

BUNKER--
NO!



WE TITANS
HAVE FIRST DIBS
ON HARVEST.
HE'S BEEN
ON OUR BUTTS
FOR MONTHS.



I'M GOING
TO ENJOY
HAMMERING
MY WAY PAST
HIS--



YIKES!

SUCH
IMPULSIVENESS
DOES NOT BODE
WELL FOR YOUR
SURVIVAL
CHILD.



I CAN SENSE THE WINGED BRUNETTE DOMINATING YOUR THOUGHTS!



DAWNSTAR! NOW THAT WE'VE STOPPED THE CULLING, WE'VE GOT TO GET HARVEST'S CAPTIVES TO SAFETY.

WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST, TYROC?

IF THAT MADMAN'S TROOPS CAN LEAVE THE CRUCIBLE--

--YOUR TRACKING ABILITIES SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND THEIR EXIT POINT AND--AWOAH!

TYROC!
TYROC!
YOU ALL RIGHT?

KZAKK

I... I'LL BE FINE. RED ROBIN INFORMS ME A TITAN IS MISSING. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR SKITTER--

--AND TAKE GATES, CHAMELEON GIRL AND BUNKER FOR BACKUP.

AWWWW, RED ROBIN! YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LET HIM BENCH ME FOR ONE MISTAKE?

WE'RE HERE TO SAVE THESE KIDS, BUNKER!

I NEED SOMEONE I CAN TRUST TO WATCH OVER THEM.

I'D RATHER STAY AND FIGHT--
--BUT MY FIRST DUTY IS TO MY BROTHER.

SUIT YOURSELF, LADY! AS FOR THE REST--A YOU--GO! GO!

C'MON, LIGHTNING! YOU HEARD THE... UHHH... WHATEVER!

UNNOTICED IN THE
CONFUSION, THE
RAVAGER CALLED
RIDGE STIRS HIS
HEAD THUNDERING
WITH AGONY...

8-BLASTED
WILDFIRE!

CRACKED
ME BLEEDIN'
SKULL, I'D
WAGER *

COULDN'T
JOIN THE OTHERS
WHEN HARVEST
ORDERED US TO
FAFF OFF

BUT I
CAN FOLLOW
THIS LOT.

IT HAPPENED IN
SUPERBOY #71-B.C.

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING,
CHAMELEON
GIRL?

YOU'RE
SUPPOSED
TO GO WITH
DAWNSTAR.

SORRY,
TYROC.

I ANSWER
TO A HIGHER
AUTHORITY.

AT
LAST!

I WAS
WONDERING
WHEN OR IF YOU
WOULD DARE REVEAL
YOUR TRUE
ALLEGIANCE

ARRRGH!

ZZZAK

YOUR
MASTERS AT
ECHO WILL BE
VERY DISAPPOINTED
IN YOU, YERA
ALLON.

HOW DOES MR. MONSTER KNOW CHAMELEON GIRL'S REAL NAME?

AND WHAT THE HELL IS ECHOP?

OF COURSE!

THAT EXPLAINS THE 31ST CENTURY TECH HE USES.

MAYBE TO YOU.

I COULD USE A BIT MORE CLARIFICATION.

GO AHEAD, TIMBER WOLF--TELL HIM!

THERE'S NO NEED FOR SECRETS AMONG FRIENDS.

ANY OATHS YOU MAY HAVE SWORN WOULDN'T EVEN BE APPLICABLE UNTIL A THOUSAND YEARS FROM NOW.

YOU'RE NOT HELPING, MISTER. I'M MORE CONFUSED THAN EVER.

AS FOR YOUR FORCE-FIELD, I DOUBT I'LL SURVIVE MORE THAN A FEW OF MY ANTI-ENERGY BLASTS.

SUCH POWER IS PRECISELY WHY I WISH TO RECRUIT YOU, WILDFIRE.

BUT, FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, YOU MUST NEVER UNDERESTIMATE MY NULL FIELD.

BLAH-BLAH-BLAH!

WAKE ME WHEN YOU'RE DONE YAKING.

OR I COULD JUST HIT YOU A FEW THOUSAND TIMES IN THE NEXT FEW SECONDS--

--AND THEN SEE HOW CHATTY YOU FEEL!



WHILE YOUR
SPEED IS QUITE
IMPRESSIVE, YOUNG
MR. ALLEN—

—YOUR
MANNERS
ARE SADLY
LACKING.

NOT
SURPRISING
CONSIDERING YOUR
UPBRINGING.

IF YOU
KNOW WHERE I
CAME FROM?

KRA-TWUNK

TRY TO
GET INSIDE
HIS MIND.
TELL US!

HE SOUNDS LIKE
HE'S FAMILIAR WITH
OUR TIME PERIOD.
BUT HE'S GOT TO
BE LYING.

UNABLE AN
I... TO PIERCE...
HIS MENTAL
DEFENSES.

WHAT IF WE
LAUNCHED A
SIMULTANEOUS
ATTACK FROM
MULTIPLE SIDES?

SURELY YOU
CAN PREDICT THE
OUTCOME OF SUCH
FOOLISHNESS,
RED ROBIN.

I WOULD
SIMPLY
REPULSE YOUR
EFFORTS—

—AS
EASILY AS I
PENETRATED YOUR
TELEPATHIC
LINK.



AS FOR MY
KNOWLEDGE OF
THE FUTURE, HAVE
YOU NEVER HEARD
OF OCCAM'S
RAZOR?

CONTRARY
TO WHAT YOU
LEGIONNAIRES
HAVE BEEN LED
TO BELIEVE, YOU
DID NOT COME TO
THIS PARTICULAR
TIME AND PLACE
BY CHANCE.

I
SENT FOR
YOU!

MEANWHILE, FAR ABOVE THE CRUCIBLE...

INCREDIBLE!
AS WE CLIMB UP THE
LEVELS, I REALIZE THAT
THIS EDIFICE IS LIKE AN
INVERTED *SKYSCRAPER*—
ONE THAT EXTENDS
MILES BENEATH THE
EARTH

I'M
SURPRISED
THIS PRIMITIVE
ERA POSSESSES
THE NECESSARY
TECHNOLOGY TO
CONSTRUCT SUCH
AN ADVANCED
COMPOUND

I REMEMBER
THIS SECTION.

I-IT'S
WHERE THEY
EXPERIMENTED
ON US BEFORE
SENDING US
DOWN TO THE
COLONY.

FORGET
ABOUT THAT, BEAST
BOY! THINK ABOUT
THE FREEDOM THAT
LIES AHEAD OF—
WAIT!

WHAT'S
THAT
SCRATCHING
SOUND?

IT'S COMING
FROM THAT
HATCHWAY AND—
LOOK!

THUNDER!
LIGHTNING! IT'S
ME—CAITLIN
FAIRCHILD!

I RECOGNIZE YOU.
YOU'RE ONE OF THE
DOCTORS WHO
WORKS HERE.

WORKED... UNTIL
NOW. I'M TURNED
AGAINST ME.

WHY SHOULD
WE BELIEVE
ANYTHING
YOU SAY?

BECAUSE
I ALWAYS TREATED
YOU WITH *KINDNESS*
AND *RESPECT*.

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING UP HERE,
ANYWAY?

HOW DID
YOU ESCAPE
THE COLONY
AND THE
CULLING?

THEY HAD
HELP...



—FROM
YOUR PRECIOUS
SUPERBOY AND HIS
FRIENDS THE TEEN
TITANS.

HELLO,
ROSE.



I WISH I COULD
SAY IT'S GOOD
TO SEE YOU
AGAIN, RED.

THESE KIDS
BELONG TO
HARVEST.

THEY ARE
DESTINED TO
FIGHT--AND MAYBE
EVEN DIE--IN THE
CULLING.

I CAN'T
ALLOW
THEM TO
ESCAPE.



GO! THIS DOESN'T
CONCERN
BITHER OF
YOU.

B-BUT SHE
SAID--

SHE
LIED.



PLEASE
DON'T FORCE
ME TO FIGHT
YOU ROSE.

I TRIED
TO GIVE YOU
THE INFORMATION
YOU NEEDED TO
ESCAPE THIS
LIFE*.

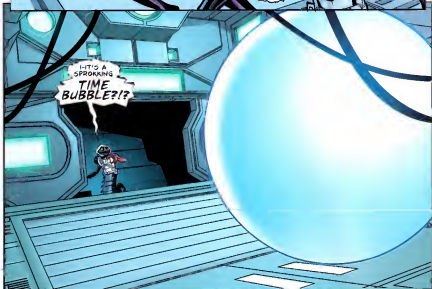
IF OUR
FRIENDSHIP
EVER MEANT
ANYTHING--

STOP TRYING
TO APPEAL TO MY
BETTER NATURE,
CAITLIN.

I DON'T
HAVE ONE
ANymore.

BULK
UP AS MUCH AS
YOU WANT, I'LL
STILL TAKE YOU
DOWN--

--BEFORE
CUTTING A
BLOODY SWATH
THROUGH YOUR NEW
FRIENDS.





JEHSKE
I WISH WE
COULD DISPENSE
WITH THIS
NONSENSE.

INSTEAD
OF WASTING
PRECIOUS TIME IN
A FUTILE ATTEMPT
TO RESIST ME,
YOU SHOULD ALL
EMBRACE MY
CAUSE.

I AM NOT
A MADMAN.
NOR DO I SEEK
POWER FOR
ITS OWN
SAKE.

MY ONLY
DESIRE IS TO
SAVE THE
FUTURE!



NICE
WORDS.

YOUR
ACTIONS
BELIE
THEM.

IF YOUR
GOAL IS SO
NOBLE--

--WHY KIDNAP
TEENAGERS?



WHY
EXPERIMENT
ON THEM--

--AND SUBJECT
THEM TO ALL
MANNER OF
TORTURE?

WHY
STAGE A
CULLING THAT
FORCES THEM
TO KILL EACH
OTHER?



BECAUSE
I NEED
RAVAGERS--

--AND WILL
HAPPILY
SACRIFICE A
FEW HUNDRED
LIVES TO SAVE
QUINTILLIONS.

ENOUGH,
HARVEST!

YOUR REIGN
OF TERROR
CAN CONTINUE
NO LONGER--NO
MATTER YOUR
HAD MOTIVES.



YOU WOULD NOT SAY
THAT IF YOU KNEW WHAT
IS AT STAKE SHOULD
I FAIL?

I
HAVE MADE
COUNTLESS
SACRIFICES TO
MAKE CERTAIN WE
HAVE ALL COME
TO THIS MOMENT
IN THE HERE
AND NOW!



WHAT--?!

DID YOU
REALLY THINK YOU
MET THE TITANS BY
HAPPENSTANCE?

THERE ARE NO
COINCIDENCES.

ONLY
THE STRINGS
OF A GREAT
PUPPETEER.

DON'T
LISTEN TO HIM,
SOLSTICE!

HE'S JUST
MESSING WITH
YOUR MIND.



I DON'T
KNOW WHY THE
TITANS GOT
TOGETHER.

I'M
JUST GLAD
WE SOMEHOW
FOUND EACH
OTHER—

—AND
JOINED TO STOP
MONSTERS LIKE
HARVEST.



WELL,
SAID,
WONDER
GIRL.

SUCH
SPIRIT AND
DEDICATION
WILL MAKE
YOU A WORTHY
RAVAGER—

—IF YOU
SURVIVE
THIS DAY!



I'VE NOTICED
HARVEST
FAVORS
HIS RIGHT
SIDE—

—AND ALTERNATES
BETWEEN OFFENSIVE
AND DEFENSIVE
MANEUVERS.

YOU
THINKING
WHAT I
AM?



EXCELLENT!
THIS IS THE KIND
OF COORDINATED,
PARAMILITARY
TRAINING THAT
MAKES YOU SO
VALUABLE.



IT'S THE
REASON I
MANIPULATED
THE LEGION
INTO SENDING
YOU HERE.

HAI! LIKE
YOU REALLY
KNOW WHY
WE CAME!



ARE YOU
REFERRING TO
THAT RIDICULOUS
VIRUS?

SURELY YOU
REALIZED THAT
HYPERTOXIS WOULD
CONTINUE TO EVOLVE
UNTIL IT LOST ITS
MUTAGENIC
CONTAGIONS.

INTERESTING!
FROM YOUR SHOCKED
EXPRESSIONS, I CAN SEE
THIS NEWS IS QUITE
SURPRISING—



—TO
MOST OF
YOU!







UUURK!

HOW
SAD FOR YOU,
SUPERBOY.

HAVE
YOU SO
LITTLE RESPECT
FOR ME OR
YOURSELF--

...TO EVEN ENTERTAIN THE
REMOTEST POSSIBILITY THAT
YOUR *TACTILE TELEKINESIS*
COULD DISRUPT MY *NULL
FIELD*?

TO THINK
I ONCE HAD
SUCH HIGH
HOPES FOR
YOU.

TELL US,
SURROUND ME
AND *HARVEST*
IN YOUR MOST
POWERFUL
TELEKINETIC
FORCE-SHIELD.

WILDFIRE...
YOU DARE NOT
PROCEED.

DO
IT!

FOR
THE SAKE OF
EVERYONE
HERE!



WHAT'S HE
PLANNING?

MADNESS... AND
SUICIDE!

STAND DOWN,
WILDFIRE!

THAT'S A
DIRECT ORDER!

SORRY,
TV.



THIS IS MY
CHOICE.

MY
DECISION.

DO NOT
BE HASTY,
WILDFIRE!

I
ANTICIPATED THIS
POSSIBILITY...

--AND
IT WILL
FAIL.





SO
BE IT!



A PITY
YOU DID NOT
HEED MY EARLIER
WARNINGS.



BEHOLD
HOW EFFORTLESSLY
MY NULL FIELD
CONTAINS YOUR
ANTI-ENERGY--



--AND
FORCES IT
DOWN--

--DOWN--



--DOWN
INTO THIS
CONTAINMENT
SUIT--



--THAT
ALLOWS YOU!
A PATHETIC
PRETENSE OF
HUMANITY.

AAARGH!



DOES ANYONE ELSE INTEND SUCH A VAIN AND FUTILE GESTURE?

I SUGGEST YOU INDICATE YOUR ANSWER...



...BY KNEELING BEFORE ME!

**TO BE CONCLUDED IN
TEEN TITANS #9!**

YOUNG JUSTICE

THE SECOND WAVE OF DC COMICS - THE NEW 52 STARTS NOW!

It's hard to put into words just how excited we are. Is there a saying about "the awesome getting awesomer"? Well, there is now, because this month we are extremely proud to present the release of six brand-new series, all with #1 issues! This is the **SECOND WAVE OF DC COMICS - THE NEW 52**, and we have so much in store for you!

We have been preparing this Second Wave for quite some time in order to make sure they are as entertaining as possible and to ensure that our readers know that when a new series begins, it's part of the bigger tapestry that is the DC Universe. These titles bring out what's best in The New 52 - new takes on familiar characters and a guarantee that anything can happen. Trust us when we tell you that events will unfold in these new books that will shake the very foundations of everything you know about your favorite heroes and villains.

From familiar names like Grant Morrison and James Robinson to new friends like award-winning author China Mieville and returning ones such as Ian Churchill, every book in the Second Wave is brought to you by some of the best talent the industry has to offer. Let's take a look:

EARTH 2 #1 by James Robinson, Nicola Scott & Trevor Scott introduces Alan Scott, Jay Garrick and an entire parallel Earth to the DC Universe!

WORLDS' FINEST #1 by Paul Levitz, George Perez, Scott Koblish & Kevin Maguire stars Power Girl and The Huntress from Earth 2 as they try to find their way home from our Earth!

BATMAN, INCORPORATED #1 by Grant Morrison & Chris Burnham is the epic (and we mean EPIC) final battle between Batman and Talia with the fate of the world hanging in the balance.

DIAL H #1 by China Mieville & Mateus Santolucito shows what happens when becoming a hero turns into an uncontrollable obsession and every choice you make brings you one step closer to the end.

G.I. COMBAT #1 showcases the War That Time Forgot by J.T. Krul & Ariel Olivetti and The Unknown Soldier by Justin Gray, Jimmy Palmiotti & Dan Panosian.

Straight from **The Culling** and right into the Young Justice family of titles comes **THE RAVAGERS #1** by

Howard Mackie & Ian Churchill. Featuring the new team of **Fairchild, Thunder, Lightning, Ridge, Beast Boy** and **Terra** as they're hunted by **Rose Wilson, Warblade** and the rest of **N.O.W.H.E.R.E!** Fans of **Animal Man** and **Swamp Thing** should be asking themselves "Why is Beast Boy red?"



The Ravagers #1 cover by Ian Churchill



The Ravagers interior art by Ian Churchill

May is one of the busiest months we've had yet, so we hope you enjoy **THE SECOND WAVE**, **NIGHT OF THE OWLS**, **THE CULLING**, the first collections of The New 52, guest appearances and so much more. Get your popcorn ready and meet us back here next month to find out what else we have up our sleeve!



The Ravagers #11 variant cover by Brett Booth

NEXT MONTH: THE D.E.O., META-MARINES AND DOMINATORS!



BLUE BEETLE #10



TEEN TITANS #10



LEGION OF
SUPER-HEROES #10



LEGION LOST #10

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New Vertigo App Available Now!

We told you recently about the new DC Entertainment Websites, including VertigoComics.com, and now VERTIGO fans can download a new dedicated app featuring all Vertigo digital titles. The new app, available on the App Store, is free to download and features popular VERTIGO series THE SANWOMAN, FABLES, Y: THE LAST MAN, PREACHER, 100 BULLETS, HELLBLAZER, AMERICAN VAMPIRE, THE UNWRITTEN, OMZ, THE INVISIBLES, TRANSMETROPOLITAN, and SWEET TOOTH, among others.

The launch of the app is timed to the release of four new VERTIGO series that debuted in March, including FAIREST by New York Times best-selling and award-winning writer Bill Willingham. A spin off of FABLES, the series stars some of the fairest in the land and balances horror, humor and adventure. Each FAIREST storyline will explore the secret histories of one character, from Sleeping Beauty to Rapunzel to Cinderella to Thumbelina to Snow White and more. The first six issue arc drawn by Phil Jimenez (WONDER WOMAN, THE INVISIBLES) follows the misadventures of Briar Rose along with Ali Baba and the Snow Queen.

Also available same day digitally are the following new Vertigo series:

SAUCER COUNTRY #1

• **SAUCER COUNTRY**, a dark thriller that blends UFO lore and alien abduction with political intrigue, all set in the hauntingly beautiful Southwest written by Paul Cornell (DEMON KNIGHTS, Doctor Who) with art by Ryan Kelly (NEW YORK FIVE).

• **DOMINIQUE LAVEAU: WOOOOO CHILLO**, a high-octane story set in New Orleans that blends the mortal and supernatural worlds, written by former editor-in-chief of The Source magazine, award-winning author, journalist and TV producer Selwyn Seyyu Hinds, with art by Milestone Media co-founder Denys Cowan (THE QUESTION) and John Floyd with covers by Rafael Grampá.

• **THE NEW DECAWARIOANS**, a murder mystery set among the world of the undead in post-Warner era London, brought to vivid life by writer Dan Abnett (RESURRECTION MAN) with art by newcomer I. N. J. Culbard (AL The Mountains of Madness).



FAIREST #1



"Making all of our digital titles available in one downloadable location provides readers even more accessibility to our vast array of ground breaking stories. What's better than that? I can't wait to get the app on my phone," said Karen Berger, executive editor, VERTIGO. "With four new series having just launched, this is the perfect time for fans to download the VERTIGO app and keep coming back each and every week."

So be sure to check out all these new and exciting offerings from Vertigo and be sure to let us know what you think. Now if you'll excuse me, I have some reading to do!

Be seeing you,
- Ian Sattler, DC Entertainment

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